



Meeting Highlights

July 16, 2026

Grande Prairie Police Service Update

GPPS continues to make significant progress in its transition and operational development. The Service currently has 58 members assigned to the RCMP, with all four patrol squads fully staffed by GPPS members, including supervisors. Constables from Recruit Training Class (RTC) #3 have successfully completed Block II training and are now working independently. Internal promotion processes for squad supervisors and detectives are underway. On June 22, GPPS welcomed Staff Sergeant Tim Fralick, a highly experienced police leader with more than 25 years of service, who will oversee the Specialized Investigations Section and bring extensive expertise in organized crime and major case management.

Recruitment, training, and technology initiatives also continue to advance positively. Training for the 10 recruits in RTC #4 is progressing well, with training staff reporting very positive feedback and no concerns. Implementation of the Axon Records Management System (RMS) remains on track, including the development of dashboards, charge tables, command hierarchies, and user permissions. User Acceptance Testing is scheduled for July 21 to 23. The primary outstanding dependency is confirmation from Shared Services Canada regarding the timing of a secure network connection to GPPS facilities, which is required to enable CPIC access.

Community Safety and Wellbeing

GPPS continued to strengthen community safety and well-being through key partnerships and initiatives. The Family Resource Network (GP Family Education Society) secured funding to deliver HEROES resiliency training, with 23 facilitators from local schools and youth-serving organizations trained to support youth mental wellness and educational success. GPPS expanded collaboration with provincial and community partners in areas including hate crime prevention, domestic violence supports for men, family court referrals, addictions and mental health services, and youth diversion opportunities. Members also engaged with Calgary Indigenous Court to learn from established justice practices and hosted the quarterly Equality, Diversity, Inclusivity Advisory (EDIA) Committee meeting. The Virtual Opioid Dependency Program (VODP) continued to make an impact, engaging 143 unique individuals and facilitating 26 Opioid Agonist Treatment prescriptions during May and June.

Enforcement Services Update

The June 2026 Enforcement Services report highlights a busy month marked by increased service demands and continued operational planning. Overall, calls for service increased by 3% from May, while dispatches decreased by 7%, reflecting continued efforts to respond efficiently to community needs. The second quarter of 2026 set a new record for calls for service, with 3,157 calls—35% above the historical Q2 average. Enforcement Services also continued planning for the launch of GPES operations in September, advanced work on the Axon Records system, and conducted targeted traffic enforcement initiatives focused on speeding and seatbelt compliance.

Operational activity remained strong throughout the month, with increases in parking, traffic, bylaw, and property standards complaints, reflecting the expected seasonal rise in community activity. Officers provided support at numerous community events, including sporting events, neighbourhood activities, and public safety initiatives, while continuing public engagement through bike patrols, community clean-up efforts, Safety City presentations, and volunteer events. Although Community Engagement Team activity declined as resources were redirected to higher-priority seasonal demands, Enforcement Services continued recruiting new Community Peace Officers and a Peace Officer Sergeant while providing ongoing training for new bylaw officers to support future service delivery.

Mobile Outreach Update

Mobile Outreach continued to provide valuable support to vulnerable individuals in June by responding to 203 calls for service, with only about 10% requiring assistance from Police, Enforcement Services, or EMS. During the month, the program also received a \$705,699 federal grant to support the City's new **Diversion First** initiative, which will help keep youth out of the justice system through early intervention and community-based supports.

The team remained focused on improving community safety and connecting people with the supports they need. Staff worked with community partners to address encampments, collected over 900 discarded needles, provided housing and financial assistance, and helped individuals access services that support long-term stability and recovery.